

DIARY NOTES

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[REDACTED] was up to see me about the insurance brochure inasmuch as the "forward" contained a statement to the effect that the Board of Directors had "ultimate" responsibilities for all affairs pertaining to GEHA. Gordon Stewart questioned this inasmuch as he thought it might be an attempt by the Board to again assert its independence from the Agency. Upon [REDACTED] assurance that this was not the case and because [REDACTED] copies of this brochure had already been printed, I agreed to leave it unchanged.

2. I met with [REDACTED] to discuss the possible manpower savings in a merger of the Cable Secretariat with the Communications Signal Center. We concluded that it would not be worthwhile to pursue this matter further and I asked John to prepare a memorandum to the Director summarizing the situation and conclusions.

3. Gates and I met with Bob Macy and Frank Ecker, Bureau of the Budget, Bob Amory and others to discuss the possibility of taking over the [REDACTED] for the Photographic Intelligence Center. It was agreed that Frank Ecker would go to PIC right away to examine the needs for the additional space. The idea is that we will present this matter to the Director as soon as he returns inasmuch as our option on the building expires on 15 April and we must move very quickly if we want to take it over.

4. For some time [REDACTED] and I have discussed the possibility of rotating people from the Clandestine Services or elsewhere to the Management Staff. He now proposes to bring one individual to the Management Staff from DD/P. However, while DD/P wants this man trained they are not willing to furnish the slot and inasmuch as John does not have a slot, I disapproved of this particular case.

5. I asked Shef Edwards to supply me with a brief memorandum to the Director outlining the instructions which investigators have. This was prompted by the recent flap reported in the Daily News several days ago.

6. [REDACTED] also talked to me about the case of [REDACTED] who was originally on active duty with the Agency, was retired from the Army and at our request called back to duty the next day. More recently, he was retired again, this time for physical disability, and the Technical Services Division picked him up immediately on a contract basis. He gets about \$8,000 a year for retirement pay from the Army and we are paying him a contract salary of \$8,000. [REDACTED] raised the question as to whether this was proper in view of the fact that we were trying to encourage older people

25X1A9a to retire to make way for younger blood. I asked him to discuss the matter with
25X1A9a [REDACTED] in order to determine just how unique [REDACTED] qualifications
25X1A9a are and whether or not he could be replaced without too much difficulty.

7. Larry Houston was down to discuss several personnel assignments with me. 25X1A9a
He plans to bring [REDACTED] back into his immediate office and assign [REDACTED] to 25X1A9a
the Office of Logistics. In the course of our conversation he told me that a memorandum
on our Travel Regulations would be down within a day or two. In this connection, I asked
him to designate one man on his staff (someone other than [REDACTED] to deal exclusively
25X1A9a with [REDACTED] on Regulations. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 8. [REDACTED] was in to discuss his personal situation with me. Due to per-
sonal problems he has decided that he cannot accept the TDY assignment [REDACTED] and 25X1A6a
has submitted his resignation effective 30 April. I told him I felt that we had to have peo-
ple in the Administration Career Service who were flexible and who could accept such
25X1A6a assignments. We also reviewed the situation wherein he had been unable to accept an as-
signment [REDACTED] about a year ago. In discussing his problem further it appears that
his affairs are so complicated that it is almost impossible for him to leave Washington
even for a short while. I told him that under these circumstances I felt that I should ac-
cept his resignation which I did. However, I told him that he could remain on the roles
on a duty status until 30 June, if necessary, during which time he would be expected to
25X1A9a find other employment.

25X1A9a 9. [REDACTED] was in to show me a travel voucher which was submitted by
25X1A9a [REDACTED] for a trip during 1959. He travelled on an actual expense basis and while
25X1A9a [REDACTED] did not know whether the over-all claims were excessive, he called my
attention to the fact that Paul claimed reimbursement for haircuts, movies, and other
things which are not normally covered in per diem. I told him I thought that he should
suspend these items routinely but, at the same time, send the voucher to me with a memo-
randum giving his reasons for the suspension and asking for policy guidance.

25X1A9a [REDACTED]

25X1A9a 11. [REDACTED] asked my approval to promote [REDACTED] to a grade GS-14. He
25X1A9a said that [REDACTED] plans to retire next year. I told him that I approved of his promotion
25X1A9a with the assurance that he would retire next year; however, if he does not plan to do this,
I would want to consider the matter more carefully.

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